

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: NODA et al
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For: Method And Apparatus For Manufacturing Beads
Array Chip
Art Unit: 1797
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Conf. No.: 9021

RESPONSE

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Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 1, 2008

Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2008.

As to the requirement to elect one of the following inventions identified by the Examiner as Invention I - claims 1 - 5, drawn to a bead array apparatus, classified in class 422, subclass 67, and Invention II - claims 6 - 8, drawn to a process for manufacturing a bead array chip, classified in class 436, subclass 180, applicants elect Invention I, claims 1 - 5, for further prosecution in this application at this time.

Favorable action with respect to the elected Invention I is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing

of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,
Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 1021.43570X00),
and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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